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NIGHTCLUB GENERAL INFORMATION

A Nightclub business is administered under Las Vegas Municipal Code Chapter 6.39 and [Chapter 6.50](#). A nightclub license is not transferable. The following information provides general guidelines for a nightclub license. Please refer to Title 6 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code and Title 19 of the Unified Development Code for detailed information

DEFINITIONS:

"Live Entertainment" includes live music (with or without dancing), recorded or digital music played for patrons by a live disc jockey or electronic device, karaoke entertainment or other shows, such as a magician, comedian or other similar type of performance artist.

"Minor" means a natural person under the age of twenty-one (21) years.

"Nightclub" means an establishment that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages pursuant to a Beer Wine Room alcoholic beverage license, Tavern alcoholic beverage license, Tavern-Limited alcoholic beverage license or Urban Lounge alcoholic beverage license whose primary operations are that of preparing and serving alcoholic beverages for immediate on-premises consumption and the provision of live entertainment, generally operated in the late-evening/early morning hours. This term does not include an erotic dance establishment as licensed under LVMC 6.35 or an establishment that qualifies as an erotic dance establishment.

1. An establishment shall be considered a nightclub and must obtain a business license pursuant to LVMC Chapter 6.39 if it exhibits the following characteristics:
 - a. Live entertainment is provided in an area that exceeds fifty (50) square feet, and the following spaces shall be included in the calculation of such area: stage space, disc jockey space, dance floor(s), and any space primarily dedicated to the viewing of the live entertainment provided by the licensee; and
 - b. Its primary entertainment operating hours is generally between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day, or "afterhours" between 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the same day.
2. A nightclub licensed establishment wishing to provide alcoholic beverages shall not be issued unless the applicant possesses the following alcoholic beverage licenses:
 - a. Beer Wine Room
 - b. Tavern
 - c. Tavern-Limited
 - d. Urban Lounge
3. **Hours of Operation:** The hours of operation for a nightclub shall be determined by the Director at the time of permanent license approval. If there is a conflict between the hours of operation for a nightclub approved by the Director for the nightclub license and hours of operation approved by the City Council pursuant to either:
 1. An alcoholic beverage licensed for an establishment; or
 2. An approved land use entitlement permitting the operation of a nightclub.The condition regarding the hours of operation approved by the City Council shall control.
4. **Security Plan Required:** Prior to the approval of any temporary or permanent liquor license associated with the nightclub, the licensee shall present to the Director a security plan for approval, and a license shall not be issued until such plan is approved by the Director. The Director shall issue, and may revise on an as-needed basis, an official policy to describe the scope of the required security plan for the benefit of potential licensees.
5. If a licensed establishment is within 500 feet of a residential property, post signs at locations clearly visible within the club and at both on and off-site parking areas, requesting patrons to respect residents of adjacent residential neighborhoods by being quiet when leaving.
6. **Outdoor activities:** Unless otherwise permitted by land use entitlement approved for such establishment, any and all activities associated with a licensed establishment shall be conducted entirely within the interior of such establishment, except for the following:
 1. The checking of patrons' identification;
 2. Valet parking activities;
 3. The sale of admission tickets for current or future events;
 4. Eating, drinking or dancing when specifically allowed outside by LVMC Title 12 special event permit.

7. If patrons are waiting outside the licensed establishment for entry into such establishment, the licensee shall organize and maintain its patrons in line as follows:
 1. Such line shall be on a sidewalk, unless on private property;
 2. If on a sidewalk, such line shall be parallel to and against the structure of the licensed establishment;
 - a. Line shall not be more than two abreast (two persons next to one another);
 - b. Line shall only be maintained on a sidewalk that is not located in a residential neighborhood; and
 - c. Line shall not restrict reasonable pedestrian movement on the sidewalk.
8. Noise: No interior noise shall be audible beyond the property line with the doors closed, unless a more restrictive requirement exists elsewhere in the Las Vegas Municipal Code, then the more restrictive requirement applies. Note: The Entertainment District is exempt from noise restrictions.
9. A nightclub license shall not be issued if the establishment is located on property not properly entitled for a nightclub land use pursuant to LVMC Title 19. Any nightclub lawfully licensed and operating prior to December 1, 2014 may be licensed pursuant to LVMC Chapter 6.39 without obtaining land use approvals for a nightclub land use pursuant to LVMC Title 19, notwithstanding LVMC6.39.020 (B).
10. Any existing business that is considered a nightclub pursuant to LVMC Chapter 6.39 shall apply for and obtain licensure as a nightclub by October 1, 2015 or completely cease the nightclub operations by November 1, 2015.
11. Minors are prohibited at a nightclub establishment;

Exceptions:

- a. It is unlawful for a licensee to allow the entry of any minor on the premises of a nightclub, except as specifically allowed pursuant to LVMC Title 12 Special Event Permit, or where a nightclub serves meals at a restaurant upon its premises and the minor is eating a meal within the designated restaurant area. These limited exceptions permitting minors into an establishment licensed as a nightclub are exclusive to LVMC Chapter 6.39, and no other provision of this code, such as LVMC 6.50.450(F), shall permit the entry of a minor into an establishment licensed as a nightclub.
- b. If a nightclub serves meals at a restaurant upon its premises, such nightclub must designate a restaurant area to be approved by the Director, and such nightclub may permit minors to patronize the designated restaurant area only for the express purpose of eating a meal and only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- c. Signs indicating that minors are not permitted upon the premises of the nightclub must be posted at all entrances to the permitted establishment, and if there is a restaurant serving meals upon the premises of the licensed establishment, additional signs must designate the restaurant area of the establishment. The signs, as well as the locations for placement of the signs within the establishment, shall be submitted and approved by the Director.
- d. LVMC Chapter 6.39 does not preclude a licensee from employing a minor between eighteen and twenty-one years of age as a person providing entertainment at the establishment, provided that such person departs upon completion of his or her performance.